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TOWN of STRAFFORD
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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*For the Year Ending
December 31, 1968*

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An Expression of Appreciation

In November 1968, the Selectmen accepted with regret the resignation of Albert W. Leighton as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

We appreciate the time and effort he gave to this office.

He will be missed.

Oscar B. Pratt
Victor S. Bergstrom

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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Albert W. Leighton Oscar B. Pratt Victor S. Bergstrom

TOWN CLERK and TREASURER

Phyllis F. Lynbourg

TAX COLLECTOR

James F. Stiles

MODERATOR

Judge Leonard C. Hardwick

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Willis G. Bennett Esther R. Henderson Ruth A. Huckins

HEALTH OFFICER

Albert W. Leighton

AUDITORS

Donald R. Poppema

Roger S. Leighton

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Albert H. Brown

Cecil R. Foss

Oscar B. Pratt

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Hattie M. Foss

Martha Z. Bennett

Ellen E. Stiles

LIBRARIAN

Eleanor Smith

FIRE WARDEN

Sumner B. Hayes

DEPUTIES

George W. Thorne

George T. Veator

Radford Messenger

Carl L. Hill

Herbert K. Clark

Oscar B. Pratt

Alberton H. Berry

John D. MacDougall

ROAD AGENT

Radford Messenger

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

William B. Lynbourg

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Selectmen

SPECIAL POLICE

Robert W. Smith

Edgar E. Burrows

Sumner B. Hayes

TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLLS OPEN 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford Elementary School in said Strafford on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

**PLEASE NOTE: Articles 2-24 will be taken up at
8:00 P.M.**

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Public Welfare, including Old Age Assistance.

4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for Class II highway construction on the Province Road — North side of Bow Lake.

5. To see if the Town will transfer \$6,000.00 of the Capital Reserve Fund N.H. RSA 35:1 to the Class II highway construction fund of Province Road.

6. To see if the Town will accept the Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,097.40 to which the State will contribute \$7,271.69.

7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges.

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for White Pine Blister Rust control program.

9. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Lakes Region Association.

10. To see if the Town will increase hourly rate of highway labor to \$2.00 per hour.

11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for Poison Ivy control.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for use of the Conservation Committee R.S.A. 36A.

13. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for observance of Memorial Day.

14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate an increase of \$100.00 per year to each Selectman.

15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$300.00 for maintaining and improving present swimming facilities near Bow Lake Dam.

16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$500.00 for maintenance of Bow Lake Fire Dept.

17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 as a donation to the Center Barnstead Fire Dept. for providing ambulance service in our area.

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$500.00 for operating the Town Library.

19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900.00 for control and operation of the Town Dump.

20. To see if the Town will vote to join the Rural District health council and raise and appropriate the sum of \$775.00 in support of this organization's Visiting Nurse Services; and that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint two representatives to the Rural District Health Council.

21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for use of Strafford's Sesquicentennial celebration and appoint a permanent committee.

22. To see if the Town will grant 2% discount on taxes paid within thirty-five days of mailing tax bills.

23. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

24. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.

OSCAR B. PRATT,
VICTOR S. BERGSTROM,
Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

OSCAR B. PRATT,
VICTOR S. BERGSTROM,
Selectmen of Strafford

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N.H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures
for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969
Compared with
Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1968	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1968	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1969
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,850.38	\$ 3,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	300.00	441.07	450.00
Meals and Rooms Tax		1,316.12	1,500.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	50.00	11.38	50.00
Class V Maintenance	2,618.89	2,618.89	2,618.76
From Local Sources except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	350.00	403.00	400.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	40.00	57.00	60.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	100.00	150.51	150.00
Income of Departments:			
Highway, including rental of equipment		25.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	8,700.00	9,687.52	9,700.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	600.00	492.00	500.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	55.25	56.25	56.25
(c) Yield Taxes	1,000.00	11.70	100.00
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TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 15,614.14	\$ 18,120.82	\$ 18,585.01
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AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROP. TAXES			164,565.52
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TOTAL REVENUES			\$183,150.53

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Approp. Previous Year 1968	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1968	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1969
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,865.00	\$ 3,300.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	1,506.96	2,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	400.00	591.75	400.00
Auto Permits	800.00	814.75	900.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	300.00	117.55	300.00
Overpayment of Taxes		29.12	
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	300.00	296.29	300.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Crown Pt. Fire House		1,311.75	500.00
Police Department	300.00	130.09	300.00
Fire Department	1,000.00	2,064.23	2,000.00
Moth Exterm.—			
Blister Rust & Care of Tree	200.00	200.00	200.00
Insurance	400.00	714.19	400.00
Bow Lake Fire Dept.	300.00	300.00	500.00
Damage by Dogs and Permits	75.00	52.40	70.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	100.00		100.00
Civil Defense		37.25	100.00
Health:			
Visiting Nurse Services			775.00
Health Department, including Hospitals	200.00	55.00	100.00
Vital Statistics	25.00	18.00	25.00
Center Barnstead Ambulance Service		200.00	200.00
Town Dump and and Garbage Removal	1,800.00	1,909.75	2,000.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	10,000.00	10,877.88	10,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	7,000.00	8,452.99	7,000.00
Street Lighting	700.00	652.35	700.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,000.00	1,386.55	3,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,097.40	1,097.40	1,090.75
Libraries	500.00	500.00	500.00

Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	2,000.00	596.88	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	1,030.88	2,000.00
Overseer of Poor		18.00	50.00
Conservation Committee			100.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	100.00	100.00	100.00
Carl Hill Memorial		10.00	
Recreation:			
Bow Lake Beach Approp.	300.00	248.90	300.00
Poison Ivy Fund		20.97	50.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
N.H. Water Resources Board		1.00	1.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	100.00	100.00	100.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	300.00	435.60	400.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Class V Maintenance	2,618.89	4,253.80	2,618.76
State Aid Construction— Town's Share Class II	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
Center Strafford Fire Approp.		254.69	
Payments on Principal of Debt:			
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds			
Roads - Fire Equip.	3,000.00	3,000.00	
County Taxes	14,000.00	12,579.42	15,000.00
School Taxes	109,840.37	98,948.26	118,670.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$169,256.66</u>	<u>\$160,779.61</u>	<u>\$183,150.53</u>

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved		\$1,854,496.00
Buildings		3,890,094.00
Public Utilities		212,000.00
Stock in Trade		7,675.00
Boats		21,500.00
Neat Stock—(119)		22,700.00
Poultry—(885)		440.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		850.00
Road Building Machinery		35,225.00
Wood, Lumber and Logs		9,400.00
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Total Valuation before Exemptions		\$6,054,380.00
Neat Stock Exemptions	\$ 3,000.00	
Poultry Exemptions	350.00	
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Total Exemptions Allowed		3,350.00
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Net Valuation		
on which Tax Rate is computed		\$6,051,030.00
Public Service Co. of N.H.	\$203,300.00	
New Hampshire Electric	8,700.00	
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		\$212,000.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations		\$ 45,616.29
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,850.38	
Savings Bank Tax	441.07	
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,317.00	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	488.00	
Interest received on		
Taxes and Deposits	100.00	
Business Licenses, Permits and		
Filing Fees	40.00	
Dog Licenses	350.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	8,700.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	56.25	
Poll Taxes at \$2 (1968) Warrant	786.00	
Surplus	6,800.00	
Class V Highway Maintenance	2,618.89	
Forest Fire Reimbursement	50.00	
Total Revenue and Credits	\$ 24,597.59	
Net Town Appropriations		\$ 21,018.70
Net School Appropriations		106,382.55
County Tax		12,579.42
Total Town, School and County		\$139,980.67
War Service Exemptions		2,650.00
Overlay		2,594.05
Property Taxes to be raised		\$145,224.72
Gross Property Taxes	\$145,224.72	
Less: War Service Exemptions	2,650.00	
Net Property Taxes		\$142,574.72
Poll Taxes at \$2		786.00
National Bank Stock Taxes		56.25
Total Taxes to be committed		\$143,416.97

FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1968

ASSETS

Cash:

In hands of Treasurer	\$ 52,052.26
Bank Book	1.00

Capital Reserve Funds:

Special Highway Work and/or for Fire Equipment	9,690.07
Special Account, Class II Highway	9,690.07

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1967	1,985.07
Levy of 1966	368.89
Previous Years, 1965	306.06
1963	43.94

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1968	11,374.02
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1968	680.00
Previous Years, 1967	30.00

Total Assets	\$ 86,221.38
Surplus, December 31, 1967	\$ 19,470.06
Surplus, December 31, 1968	11,136.24

Decrease of Surplus	\$ 8,333.82
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bow Lake Beach Appropriation \$	264.65
'68 Town Dump Appropriation	324.02
Crown Point Fire House Approp.	688.25
Civil Defense	356.17
Special Fire Appropriation	71.91

Due to School Districts:		
Balance of School Tax	54,000.00	
State and Town Joint Highway		
Construction Accounts:		
Class II Highway	9,690.07	
Capital Reserve Funds:	9,690.07	
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Total Liabilities		\$ 75,085.14
Excess of assets over liabilities(Surplus)		11,136.24
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Grand Total		\$ 86,221.38

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes,

Current Year, 1968	\$128,441.40
Poll Taxes, Current Year, 1968	492.00
National Bank Stock Taxes, 1968	56.25
Yield Taxes, 1968	11.70
State Head Taxes at \$5, 1968	1,700.00

Total Current Year's Taxes	
collected and remitted	\$130,701.35
Prop. Taxes and Yield Taxes, Previous Years	9,731.05
Poll Taxes, Previous Years	264.00
State Head Taxes at \$5, Previous Years	730.00
Interest received on Taxes	150.51
Penalties on State Head Taxes	52.00
Tax Sales redeemed	1,967.20

From State:

For Class V Highway maintenance	2,618.89
Interest and dividends tax	2,850.38
Savings Bank Tax and	
Building and Loan Association Tax	441.07

Reimbursement a/c White Pine Blister Rust	.56
Forest Fire	11.38
Fighting forest fires	255.68
Reimbursement a/c Head Tax Penalty	34.45
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,316.12

From Local Sources, except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	403.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	57.00
Trinity Camp Donation	300.00
Rent of town property	25.00
Boy Scout Camp Donation	300.00
Motor vehicle permits (1967, \$132.70)	
(1968, \$9,687.52) (1969, \$189.01)	9,687.52

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of	
taxes during year	\$ 30,000.00
Refunds	47.67
Gifts	10.00
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	31,253.48

Total Receipts from All Sources	<hr/> \$191,954.83
Cash on hand, December 31, 1968	56,479.10
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Grand Total	\$248,433.93

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,865.00
Town officers' expenses	1,506.96
Election and registration expenses	591.75
Municipal and District Court expenses	814.75
Expenses, town hall and other town buildings	117.55

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	130.09
Fire Appropriation	254.69
Fire department, including forest fires	2,064.23
Moth extermination—	
Blister Rust and Care of Trees	200.00
Bow Lake Fire Dept.	300.00
Permits	52.40
Insurance	714.19
Civil Defense	37.25
Crown Point Fire Dept. Approp.	1,311.75

Health:

Health department, including hospitals	55.00
Vital statistics	18.00
Ctr. Barnstead ambulance service	200.00
Town dumps and garbage removal	1,909.75

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	1,097.40
T.R.A. Summer Maintenance	4,253.80
Town Maintenance —	
Summer	\$10,877.88
Winter	8,452.99

19,330.87

Street lighting	652.30
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,386.55

Libraries:	500.00
Public Welfare:	
Old Age Assistance	1,030.88
Town poor	596.89
Overseer of Poor	18.00
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	100.00
Recreation:	
Bow Lake Beach	248.90
Public Service Enterprises:	
Carl Hill Memorial Fund	10.00
Unclassified:	
Overpayment of Taxes	29.12
Conservation Committee	29.97
Advertising and Regional Associations	100.00
Taxes bought by town	3,349.24
Discounts, abatements and refunds	388.32
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	296.29
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$ 46,545.93
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	435.60
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Total Interest Payments	\$ 435.60
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:	
Highways and Bridges—	
State Aid construction (In Bank)	3,000.00
Capital Reserve Fund (In Bank)	3,000.00
N.H. Water Resource Board	1.00
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Total Outlay Payments	\$ 6,001.00

Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	30,000.00
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Total Indebtedness Payments	\$ 30,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	1,864.50
Taxes paid to County	12,579.42
Payments to School Districts —	
1967 Tax	\$ 44,948.26
1968 Tax	54,000.00
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Total Payments to Other Governmental Div.	\$113,392.18
Total Payments for All Purposes	196,381.67
Cash on hand, January 1, 1968	52,052.26
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Grand Total	\$248,433.93

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	750.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	110,000.00
Equipment	10,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
1A Louise Donatille Land	200.00
3A Joseph Caverly Lot (Dump)	200.00
1A George Walker Place	1,500.00
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Total	\$140,650.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Albert W. Leighton, Selectman	\$ 500.00
Oscar B. Pratt, Selectman	520.00
Victor S. Bergstrom, Selectman	420.00
Oscar B. Pratt, Trustee of Trust Funds	50.00
Donald Poppena, Auditor	35.00
Roger Leighton, Auditor	35.00
Phyllis F. Lynbourg, Treasurer & Town Clerk	575.00
James F. Stiles, Tax Collector	730.00
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Total	\$ 2,865.00

Town Officers' Expense

Albert W. Leighton	\$ 69.70
Oscar B. Pratt	35.00
James F. Stiles	106.71
Phyllis F. Lynbourg	12.70
Meader's	28.75
Brown & Saltmarsh	52.93
Association of N.H. Assessors	5.00
Bow Lake Market, stamps, etc.	42.00
C. M. Hill & Sons, stamps, etc.	24.50
N.H. Publishing Co., town reports	595.00
N.H. Publishing Co., tax bills, etc.	112.50
Marjorie Holmes, property transfer cards	79.25
Foss & Came Agency, bond of town officers	162.00
Treasurer, State of N.H., boat reports	68.28
Kendal Insurance Co., money policy	
Victor S. Bergstrom	15.60
N.H. City and Town Clerk Association	6.00
Homestead Press	1.50
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	30.15
Burroughs Corp.	19.00
Linell Press	16.00
Wm. Lynbourg, stamps	12.00

Studley Flower Garden	10.39
N.H. State Tax Com.	2.00

Total	\$ 1,506.96
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Election and Registration

Freda Harding	\$ 60.00
Donald Poppema	39.00
Hattie Foss	57.00
Leonard Hardwick	75.00
Esther Henderson	114.00
Ruth Huckins	120.00
Willis Bennett	126.00
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	\$ 591.75

Other Payments

Expense of Auto Permits	\$ 814.75
Town Hall Expense	117.55
Police	130.09
Crown Point Special Fire Appropriation	1,311.75
Fire including Forest Fires	2,064.23
Pine Blister Rust Program	200.00
Overpayment of Taxes	29.12
Insurance	714.19
Civil Defense	37.25
Health Department	55.00
Vital Statistics	18.00
Center Barnstead Ambulance Service	200.00
Town Dump	1,909.75
Highways (Summer)	10 877.88
Highways (Winter)	8,452.99
Town Road Aid	1,097.40
Street Lighting	652.30
General Expense of Highway	1,386.55
Libraries	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,030.88
Town Poor	596.89
Memorial Day	100.00
Bow Lake Fire Department	300.00
Special Bow Lake Beach Appropriation	248.90

1967 Appropriation	3,000.00
1968 Appropriation	3,000.00
Interest to date	690.07

Total, December 31, 1968	\$ 9,690.07
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Highway Account

Radford Messenger, Road Agent	
Total Labor Hired and Machines	\$ 16,871.00
Granite State Minerals	281.47
R. C. Hazelton Co.	182.96
Frank Fernald, sand	212.85
Payson Littlefield, sand	421.28
Conrad's Store	11.00
Penn. Culvert Co.	461.70
Wm. J. Vickers & Son	267.75
Merrimack Farmers Exchange	21.81
Beede Waste Oil Corp.	564.00
N.H. Bituminous Co.	1,087.68
Palmer Bituminous Co.	66.00
H. Leroy Smith, drill and blasting	68.00
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	\$ 20,517.42

Recapitulation

Total Payments	\$ 20,517.42
1968 Highway Appropriation	18,000.00
Trinity Church Camp Donation	300.00
Minuteman Council Boy Scouts	300.00
State of N.H., Class V Fund	2,618.89
Town of Barrington, rent of equipment	25.00
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	21,243.89
Under Expended	\$ 726.47

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1967 Auto Permits	(26 permits issued)	\$	132.70
1968 Auto Permits	(768 permits issued)		9,365.81
1969 Auto Permits	(12 permits issued)		189.01
Dog Licenses (162 tags issued)			403.00
Filing Fees			13.00
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Total Remittances to Treasurer		\$	10,103.52

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG,
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1968	\$ 56,479.10
Receipts, 1968	191,954.83
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	\$248,433.93

Payments

Payments, 1968	\$196,381.67
Balance, December 31, 1968	52,052.26
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	\$248,433.93

Rochester Savings Bank and Trust Company:

Bank Book No. 72650	\$	1.00
Bank Book No. N595 (Capital Reserve Fund)	9,690.07	
Bank Book No. N596 (Class II, Hi-way Acct.)	9,690.07	

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG,
Town Treasurer

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll & Yield Taxes

Levy of 1968

— DR. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$141,791.68
National Bank Stock	1.00
Poll Taxes	786.00

Total Warrant	\$142,578.68
Yield Taxes	518.58

Added Taxes:

Poll Taxes	36.00
Property Taxes	4.08

40.08

Interest Collected	18.33
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Total Debits	\$143,155.67
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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$128,250.96
Poll Taxes	588.00
National Bank Stock Tax	1.00
Yield Taxes	11.70
Interest Collected	18.33

\$128,869.99

Discount Allowed	2,116.46
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Abatements:

Property Taxes	54.32
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Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:

Property Taxes	\$ 11,374.02
Poll Taxes	234.00

Yield Taxes	506.88	
	<hr/>	12,114.90
Total Credits		<hr/> \$143,155.67

Previous Year's Levy

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1967

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes — As of January 1, 1968:

Property Taxes	\$ 9,369.56	
Poll Taxes	228.00	
Yield Taxes	119.41	
Added Poll Taxes	48.00	
Added Property Taxes	3.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,768.53
Interest Collected during Fiscal Year ended December 31, 1968		255.21
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Total Debits		\$ 10,023.74

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**Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal Year
ended December 31, 1968:**

Property Taxes	\$ 6,144.81	
Sold to Town	3,349.24	
Poll Taxes	166.00	
Yield Taxes	74.35	
Interest collected during year	132.18	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,866.58

Abatements made during year:

Poll Taxes	2.00
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Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:

Yield Taxes	\$ 45.06
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Poll Taxes	108.00	
Property Taxes	2.10	
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		\$ 10,023.74

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1968

— DR. —

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$ 2,285.00	
Added Taxes	95.00	
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Total Commitment		\$ 2,380.00
Penalties Collected		3.00
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Total Debits		\$ 2,383.00

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$ 1,700.00	
Penalties	3.00	
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		\$ 1,703.00
Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List		680.00
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Total Credits		\$ 2,383.00

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1967

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes —

As of January 1, 1968	\$ 630.00	
Added Taxes during 1968	125.00	
Penalties collected during 1968	48.00	
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Total Debits		\$ 803.00

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during 1968:

Head Taxes	\$	500.00
Penalties		48.00

		\$	548.00
Abatements during 1968			225.00

**Uncollected Head Taxes —
as per Collector's List**

			30.00
Total Credits	\$	803.00	

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1968

— DR. —

Levy of	1967	1966	Previous Years
a. Taxes sold to town during Current Fiscal Year	\$3,349.24 59.14		
b. Balance of Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1968		\$668.39	\$501.50
Interest collected after sale	11.38	27.73	31.22
Redemption costs	14.46	4.86	3.24
Total Debits	\$3,434.22	\$700.98	\$535.96

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during year	\$1,449.15	\$332.09	\$185.96
Abatements during year	.....	.....	.....
Deeded to town during year	.....	.....	.....
Unredeemed Taxes — at close of year	1,985.07	368.89	350.00
Total Credits	\$3,349.22	\$700.98	\$535.96

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES — 1968

Cash on hand, January 1, 1968	\$	358.59
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RECEIPTS

Town of Strafford	\$	500.00
Book fines		8.00
Interest		14.51
Gift for two books		5.86
Total	\$	528.37

EXPENDITURES

Eleanor Smith, Librarian	\$	265.50
Tri-State Gas Co.		37.57
University Book Co., books		44.96
N.H. State Treasurer, deposit for new books		200.00
New checks		2.50
Bro-Dart, book cards and jackets		14.25
Yankee Land Books		43.21
Total	\$	607.99
Cash on hand, January 1, 1968	\$	358.59
Receipts		528.37
Total	\$	886.96
Expenditures		607.99
On hand, January 1, 1969	\$	278.97

TRUST FUND

Balance, Rochester Trust Co., Jan. 1, 1968	\$	2,421.33
Interest for the year		110.80
Balance, January 1, 1969	\$	2,532.13

STRAFFORD'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

Planning for celebration of Strafford's 150th anniversary began June 11, 1968 as directed by the people during the March 1968 Town Meeting. A temporary Sesquicentennial Committee was organized and the following submitted for voter approval.

Anniversary events will take place during one full week in the summer of 1970. The celebration will be planned so as to realize a profit and these profits will be used toward cost of publishing a history of Strafford. All profits after sale of the history will be returned to Strafford's General Revenue Fund.

Principal effort to date has been directed toward collection of facts for the town history. However, after a permanent committee is authorized, sub-committees will be established to plan and promote anniversary week events. Among the many events under discussion are:

Antique auto rally, parades, auctions, carnival, horse show, regatta, marathon, dances, band concerts, beard-growing contest, centennial queen competition, minstrel show, summer stock theater, and local art exhibits. The committee would produce anniversary coins, plates, and medallions for sale during 1970. A special public relations and promotions unit will be formed to help insure success of the celebration.

Every Strafford citizen is welcome and encouraged to take part in preparations for the sesquicentennial.

GEORGE EDMUNDS,
Temporary Chairman,
Strafford Sesquicentennial Committee

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Financial Statement — 1968

Town Funds Expended	\$	199.44
Cooperative Aid to Town		321.34
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Total Expenditures	\$	520.78
1968 Town Appropriation	\$	200.00
Town Funds Expended		199.44
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Balance Due Town	\$.56
Area Worked — 1143 acres		
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed — 3804		

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN & DISTRICT CHIEF

People cause fires. Our records show that the number of fires increase in an area as the population increases and our state is growing tremendously. This means that we all must be aware of fire causes and do our best to prevent their occurrence.

When we are very young the lighted matches is an adventure, burnt fingers and a dropped match is another fire. A little older we like to have a woodland cookout, or go out by ourselves for a smoke but fire and forests get together for another statistic. We adults like to clean up in the spring, burn the old debris and the dead grass, result — escaped fires and much personal expense.

With new homes and summer cottages located in woodlands and with abandoned fields and forests crowding the back yard of our villages' streets, it is necessary that everyone be aware all through the fire season, which comes with the disappearance of the snow, of the need to be careful with outdoor fires and fire sources.

The following action will help:

1. To teach our children the danger of lighted matches.

2. To **never** discard lighted smoking material from a car or while walking through fields or woods.
3. To safely dispose of rubbish preferably at the town dump. If you must burn —
 - a. You need a written permit from the town fire warden for **all** debris burning except when the ground is covered with snow. Cooking fires in outdoor fireplaces or in charcoal brasiers in your own back yard is permitted on notification of the warden.
 - b. The warden is forbidden by regulation to allow burning of household rubbish on **grass** by householders between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
 - c. Have equipment on hand to control the fire **before** you light the match.
4. Promptly report any fire out of control to your fire warden or fire department.

Help to keep our town out of the fire occurrence column and save your tax dollars for useful purposes.

Forest fire record for 1968:

	Number of Fires	Woodland acres burned
State	593	349
District	47	63
Town	4	30½

IVAN E. SCRANTON,
District Fire Chief
SUMNER B. HAYES,
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD ON DECEMBER 31, 1968

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			Bal. End Year
					Orig. Fund Created	Interest Gain Divi.	Bal. End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Expend. During Year	Amt.	
12-10-37	Dearborn Caswell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	274.33	200.00	13.89	288.22	27.31			27.31
12-10-37	James Walker	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00		100.00		5.06	5.06	
8-12-44	Fred Stanton	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	219.46	200.00	11.11	230.57	21.71	4.00		17.71
9-6-50	Elizabeth Hartwell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	124.26	100.00		124.26	5.25	5.00	6.29	6.54
3-5-50	Llewellyn Ham	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	219.46	200.00	11.11	230.57	40.00	10.00		30.00
10-22-50	John Waldron	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	109.72	100.00	5.56	115.28	14.56	5.00		9.56
5-11-55	Waldron & Caswell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	109.72	100.00	5.56	115.28	20.38			20.38
9-9-57	Paul Perkins	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	261.41	175.00	13.23	274.64				
12-23-58	John Jenness	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	238.82	200.00	12.10	250.92	40.12			40.12
8-11-57	Leighton & Winkley	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	352.75	250.00	17.87	370.62				
3-10-66	Webster & Tuttle	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	375.00	375.00	18.98	393.98	30.08	5.00		25.08
				\$6,496.97		\$221.49	\$6,718.46	\$471.70	\$107.79	\$145.00	\$434.49

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD ON DECEMBER 31, 1968

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
				Balance Beginning Year	Orig. Fund Created	Interest Gain Divi.	Bal. End Year	Bal. Begin. Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year	
1899	Levina H. Young	Town Note	N.H. Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$ 50.63		
1917	Mary J. Wain	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	438.93	400.00	\$ 22.22	461.15	\$ 75.11			\$ 75.11
6-13-19	Betsy Welch	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	219.46	200.00	11.11	230.57	27.94	10.00		17.94
6-3-21	Nancy Perkins	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	160.81	100.00	8.15	168.96				
10-2-21	Betsy Hawkins	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00		100.00		5.06	5.06	
11-3-21	Samuel Jenness	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank		200.00						
12-25-58	Samuel Jenness	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	477.63	200.00	24.20	501.83	50.71	5.06	5.06	50.71
11-7-22	Abbie Seavey	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00		100.00				
6-6-25	Paul Hayes	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	54.85	50.00	2.78	57.63	13.13			13.13
6-6-25	John Babb	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	109.72	100.00	5.56	115.28	17.13			17.13
6-2-26	Ella Waterhouse	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	200.00	200.00		200.00		10.13	10.13	
6-2-26	Eliza Garfield	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	208.20	150.00	10.83	219.03	7.94			2.94
4-2-27	D. W. Smith	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00		100.00		5.06	5.06	
4-21-27	Abbie Caverly	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	169.34	100.00	8.59	177.93				
4-21-27	John W. Jewell	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	104.64	100.00		104.64	7.18	5.31	5.00	7.49
4-2-27	John D. Clark	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	242.05	100.00	12.60	261.65				
9-10-30	Robert L. Foss	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	119.41	100.00	6.04	125.45	42.40			42.40
9-2-33	Herbert Foss	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	200.00	200.00		200.00	14.00	10.13	5.00	19.13
8-4-34	Ella Holmes	Cemetery	N.H. Savings Bank	100.00	100.00		100.00	16.75	5.06	10.00	11.81

STRAFFORD SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL BOARD

John B. Young, Chairman	Term expires 1969
Mrs. Carolyn Clarke	Term expires 1969
Robert Dowst	Term expires 1970

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Ramon Martineau, B.A., M.Ed.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Charles H. Morgan, B.S. in Ed., M.Ed.

TREASURER

Esther R. Henderson

MODERATOR

Leon Hardwick

CLERK

Sylvia Dowst

AUDITORS

Roger Leighton

Donald Poppema

ATTENDANCE OFFICER AND SCHOOL CENSUS

Leonard W. Davis

SCHOOL NURSE

Dorothy Y. Wells, R.N.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

STRAFFORD SCHOOL WARRANT

Tentative Warrant

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 11th day of March 1969, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
- 3A. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose Auditors, and all other necessary officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this day of February 1969.

JOHN B. YOUNG,
ROBERT DOWST,
CAROLYN CLARKE,
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

JOHN B. YOUNG,
ROBERT DOWST,
CAROLYN CLARKE,
School Board

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

STRAFFORD SCHOOL WARRANT

Tentative Warrant

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby qualified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 18th day of March 1969, at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

4. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district.

5. To see if the district will approve the following two amendments to the articles of agreement of the Authorized Regional Enrollment Area School between Strafford and the city of Rochester:

H. Any incentive aid, as provided in RSA 195 A:10, I and II, shall be credited to the sending district of Strafford in the amount made for the students from each district in the Area School according to the grade level in which they are enrolled.

I. The written plan may be amended by the several districts comprising the region, consistent with the provisions of RSA 195-A, except that no amendment shall be effective, unless the question of adopting such amendment is submitted at an annual school district meeting to the voters of the districts voting by ballot with the use of the check list after reasonable opportunity for debate in open

meeting, and unless a majority of the voters of each district who are present and voting shall vote in favor of adopting such amendment. Furthermore, no amendment to the written plan shall be considered except at an annual meeting of the several districts and unless the text of such amendment is included in an appropriate article in the warrant of such meeting. It shall be the duty of the school board of each district to hold a public hearing concerning the adoption of any amendment to the written plan at least ten days before such annual meeting and to cause notice of such hearing and the text of the proposed amendment to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area before such hearing.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 10th day of February 1969.

JOHN B. YOUNG,
ROBERT DOWST,
CAROLYN CLARKE,
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

JOHN B. YOUNG,
ROBERT DOWST,
CAROLYN CLARKE,
School Board

BUDGET WORKSHEET 1969-1970

Purpose of Appropriation	Adopted 1968-69	Proposed 1969-70
Administration		
Salaries	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 845.00
Contracted Services	50.00	280.00
Other Expenses	150.00	150.00
Instruction		
Salaries	36,300.00	37,698.00
Textbooks	700.00	500.00
Library & Audiovisual Materials	200.00	200.00
Teaching Supplies	1,400.00	1,400.00
Contracted Services	200.00	
Other Expenses	100.00	100.00
Attendance Services	25.00	25.00
Health Services	938.00	1,350.00
Pupil Transportation	9,500.00	9,500.00
Operation of Plant		
Salaries	2,600.00	3,300.00
Supplies	500.00	600.00
Heat	1,300.00	1,300.00
Utilities	1,450.00	1,650.00
Maintenance of Plant	300.00	500.00
Fixed Charges		
Employee Retirement & F.I.C.A.	3,882.00	2,982.38
Insurance	400.00	600.00
School Lunch & Spec. Milk Program	1,450.00	1,500.00
Student-Body Activities	100.00	100.00
Capital Outlay		
Equipment	100.00	150.00
Debt Service		
Principal of Debt	5,000.00	8,500.00
Interest on Debt	2,415.00	4,880.00
Outgoing Transfer Accounts in State		
Tuition	32,849.00	37,118.00
Supervisory Union Expenses	2,651.37	3,441.64
Deficit Approp.	4,200.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$109,840.37	\$118,670.02

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

	Approved Revenues 1968-69	Sch. Board Budget 1969-70
Revenues & Credits Available to Reduce School Taxes		
Unencumbered Balance	0.00	
Revenue from State Sources		
Sweepstakes	\$ 977.82	\$ 1,000.00
School Building Aid	1,545.00	1,545.00
Revenue from Federal Sources		
Sch. Lunch & Spec. Milk Program	900.00	1,000.00
Local Revenue except Taxes		
Trust Fund Income	35.00	35.00
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Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 3,457.82	\$ 3,580.00
District Assessment to be raised by Property Taxes	106,382.55	115,090.02
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$109,840.37	\$118,670.02

SCHOOL CALENDAR SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 44 1969-1970

	No. of Days
SCHOOL SESSIONS	
1. FALL TERM	
Starts September 3, Closes December 23	76
2. WINTER TERM	
Starts January 5, Closes February 20	35
3. SPRING TERM	
Starts March 2, Closes April 17	35
4. LAST TERM	
Starts April 27, Closes June 12	34
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	180

DAYS OUT

Teachers Convention	October 17
Veterans Day	November 10
Thanksgiving Recess	November 28-29
Memorial Day	May 29

Full School Make Up Days During
School Vacation Following

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning
July 1, 1967 and Ending June 30, 1968

RECEIPTS

Revenue from Local Sources

Current Appropriation	\$ 84,948.26
Deficit Appropriation	3,052.49

Total	\$ 88,000.75
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Other Revenue from Local Sources

Gifts and Bequests	\$ 48.66
Other Revenue from Local Sources	3.00

Total	\$ 51.66
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Revenue from State Sources

School Building Aid	\$ 1,545.00
Intellectually Retarded	298.27
Sweepstakes	1,460.56

Total	\$ 3,303.83
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Revenue from Federal Sources

Sch. Lunch & Spec. Milk Prog.	\$ 1,069.36
Public Law 89.10	
Title I	3,430.73

Total	\$ 4,500.09
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Total Net Receipts from All Sources	\$ 95,856.33
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Cash on hand at beginning of year,
July 1, 1967:

General Fund	\$ 138.96
Capital Outlay Fund	
(from capital outlay summary)	1,649.40

Total	1,788.36
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Grand Total Net Receipts	\$ 97,644.69
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EXPENDITURES

Expenditures	— Distribution of Expenditures —			
	Total Amount	Elem. School	High School	General Expenses
Administration				
Salaries for Administration				
District Officers	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00		
Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	250.00	250.00		
Contracted Services	40.00	40.00		
Other Expenses				
District Officers	250.00	250.00		
Instruction				
Salaries				
Principals	5,600.00	5,600.00		
Teacher Consultants and Supervisors	1,160.00	1,160.00		
Teachers	29,374.96	29,374.96		
Textbooks	456.31	456.31		
School Libraries and Audiovisual Materials	152.00	152.00		
Teaching Supplies	1,428.15	1,428.15		
Contracted Services	200.00	200.00		
Other Expenses	140.05	140.05		
Attendance Services				
Salaries	25.00	25.00		
Health Services				
Salaries	718.20	718.20		
Other Expenses	19.01	19.01		
Pupil Transportation				
Contracted Services	9,221.32	9,221.32		
Operation of Plant				
Salaries	1,742.00	1,742.00		
Supplies, except Utilities	499.78	499.78		
Contracted Services	285.37	285.37		
Heat for Buildings	1,016.04	1,016.04		
Utilities, except Heat	1,435.70	1,435.70		
Maintenance of Plant				
Salaries	500.00	500.00		
Repairs to Equipment	55.84	55.84		
Repairs to Buildings	32.18	32.18		
Other Expenses	37.00	37.00		

Fixed Charges**State Employees'**

Retirement System	46.37	46.37
Teachers' Retirement Sys.	1,402.07	1,402.07
F.I.C.A.	1,215.26	1,215.26
Insurance	25.00	25.00
Other Fixed Charges	3.58	3.58

School Lunch & Special Milk Program

Salaries	1,554.40	1,554.40
Expenditures and Transfers of Monies		
Federal Monies	1,139.37	1,139.37
District Monies	500.00	500.00

Capital Outlay

Buildings		\$	7.55
Equipment	7.55		

Debt Service from Current Monies

Principal of Debt	5,000.00	5,000.00
Interest on Debt	2,625.00	2,625.00

Outgoing Transfer Accounts

Tuition to		
Other School Districts	16,792.67	\$16,792.67
Tuition to		
Public Academies	8,899.60	8,899.60
District Share of Supervisory		
Union Expenses	2,608.34	2,608.34
Tuition to Private		
Nonsectarian Schools	341.52	341.52

Summer School

Salaries of Teachers	1,500.00	1,500.00
Other Salaries	575.00	575.00
Other Expenses	1,154.96	1,154.96

Total Net Expenditures

for All Purposes	\$100,829.60	\$67,504.78	\$25,692.27	\$7,632.55
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Cash on hand at end of year,**June 30, 1968**

Capital Outlay Fund (from
capital outlay summary) 1,649.40

\$102,479.00	\$67,504.78	\$25,692.27	\$7,632.55
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**Explanation of Difference Between Net (Actual)
Expenditures and Gross Transactions**

RECEIPTS

Total Net Receipts plus Cash on Hand July 1, 1967. (Agrees with "Grand Total Net Receipts")	\$ 97,644.69
Receipts recorded under Item 60	4,834.31
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TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS	\$102,479.00

EXPENDITURES

Total Net Expenditures plus Cash on Hand June 30, 1968. (Agrees with "Grand Total Net Expenditures")	\$102,479.00
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TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$102,479.00

**ANNUAL CAPITAL OUTLAY SUMMARY
Covering Receipts and Expenditures
for the Period July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968**

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1967	\$ 1,649.40
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Grand Total Receipts	\$ 1,649.40

EXPENDITURES

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1968	\$ 1,649.40
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Grand Total Expenditures	\$ 1,649.40

**BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1968**

ASSETS

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1968	
Building Fund	\$ 1,649.40
Accounts Due to District	
From Others	3,430.73
Deficit	1,147.51
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Total Assets	\$ 6,227.64

Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	58,852.49
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Grand Total	\$ 65,080.13
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LIABILITIES

Amounts Reserved for Special Purposes

Building Fund	\$ 1,649.40
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Accounts Owed by District

Offset 89-10 Title I	3,430.73
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Notes and Bonds Outstanding	60,000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$ 65,080.13
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STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

Name of Building or Project for which

Notes or Bonds were issued

Strafford School

Outstanding at beginning of year	\$ 65,000.00
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Payments of Principal of Debt	5,000.00
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Notes and Bonds Outstanding at

End of Year	\$ 60,000.00
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REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1967	\$ 138.96
(Treasurer's bank balance)	
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$ 84,948.26
Deficit Appropriation, Title I	3,430.73
Advance on Next Year's Approp.	3,052.49
Revenue from State Sources:	
State Aid	1,545.00
Sweepstakes	1,460.56
Intellectually Retarded	298.27
Revenue from Federal Sources:	
Lunch Program	2,037.76
Received from Trust Funds	48.66
Received from All Other Sources	3,868.91
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Total Receipts	100,690.64
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Total Amount Available for	
Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts)	\$100,829.60
Less: School Board Orders Paid	\$100,829.60
September 6, 1968	

ESTHER R. HENDERSON,
District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Strafford of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and find them correct in all respects.

September 6, 1968

DONALD R. POPPEMA,
ROGER S. LEIGHTON,
Auditors

SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT & ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

(Footnote to School Board's Financial Report of 1967-68,
Chapter 243, Section 5, New Hampshire Laws 1953.)

School District	% Local Share	Superintendent	Assistant Superintendent
Barrington	10.73	\$ 938.87	\$ 745.74
Epsom	9.03	790.13	627.28
Farmington	23.07	2,018.63	1,603.36
Middleton	2.35	205.63	163.32
Milton	14.86	1,300.25	1,032.77
Northwood	11.83	1,035.12	822.19
Nottingham	6.62	579.25	460.09
Strafford	7.99	699.12	555.31
Wakefield	13.52	1,183.00	939.64
Total	100.00	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 6,950.00
State of New Hampshire		3,250.00	2,700.00
Total		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,650.00

REPORT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

To the School Board and Citizens of Strafford:

The Strafford School was organized in September, 1968
as follows:

Grade	Teacher	No. Pupils	No. in Room
1	Mrs. Ada Hayes	22	22
2	Mrs. Solveig Perreton	22	22
3	Mrs. Margaret Critchett	12	12
4	Mrs. Irene Scribner, Prin.	19	19
5	Mrs. Louise Williams	19	
6	Mrs. Louise Williams	20	39
7	Mrs. Sarah Huckins	13	
8	Mrs. Sarah Huckins	17	30
Totals		144	144

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS

Mrs. Dorothy Wells, R.N.	School Nurse-Teacher
Rinehart Service	Handwriting
Mr. William Lynbourg	Custodian
	Teacher Aid

Strafford tuition pupils attending public schools or approved public academy are as follows:

School	Grade				Total	Tuition Rate
	9	10	11	12		
Austin Cate Academy	2	2	4	1	9	\$637.00
Coe-Brown Academy	2	1			3	637.00
Rochester (Spaulding)	14	11	10	7	42	450.00
Concord		1			1	637.00*
Dover		1	3	1	5	642.00
Totals	18	16	17	9	60	

*Concord rate \$850. — district pays \$637.

As time passes, there seems to be little diminution in the size, number, or complexity of problems facing public education on any level of government-national, state, or local. Included among these are financing, housing, teacher recruitment, and, most important, maintaining a reasonable level of educational opportunity for our young people.

In New Hampshire, the problem of financing is most acute, as so great a portion of the burden falls upon the local community, in contrast with the situation in other states. At this writing, there seems little likelihood that this burden will be reduced by the creation of other sources of school monies, unless pressure is exerted on local representatives of the general court that the state must accept greater responsibility in supporting education. To date, the voters and taxpayers have risen to the task of providing a good school system for the community, and is being requested to continue to do so. However, it is time that the legislators face up to their responsibilities and implement the existing statutes by one hundred (100) percent funding and stop deceiving their constituents.

In closing, we would like to express our appreciation for the cooperation received from the citizens, school board, children and professional staff of the Strafford School District.

Respectfully submitted,

RAMON MARTINEAU,
Superintendent

CHARLES MORGAN,
Business Administrator

SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

As part of the school health services for the year 1967-68, all elementary pupils in Barrington, Epsom, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford received routine health inspections by the school nurse.

This type of inspection includes weighing, measuring, checking teeth and tonsils, checking hair and scalp for the presence of head lice or any infectious condition and doing screening tests to determine if a child has any vision or hearing handicap.

Whenever defects were found, the parents were informed. This is ordinarily done by means of a note, letter or telephone call although, in many cases a home call is made by the nurse. Parents have been very cooperative in having such defects corrected, as is shown in the following summary:

Tests & Inspections		Defects Noted		No. of pupils seen or treated by Physician and/or Dentist	
Vision tests—	1019	Vision—	136	Vision—	119
Hearing tests—	1093	Hearing—	18	Hearing—	8
Heights & weights—	1006	Teeth—	330	Teeth—	458
Teeth & Tonsils—	1006	Tonsils—	6	Tonsils—	12
		Weight—	3	Weight—	1
		Speech—	11	Speech—	6

A series of three immunization clinics were held in the fall of 1967 in both Barrington and Strafford. Sylvia Kennedy, M.D. of Exeter was the physician in attendance. The clinics were jointly sponsored by the New Hampshire Bureau of Public Health and local organizations — the Barrington Woman's Club and the Strafford Parent-Teachers Association.

For the first time, all five towns participated in either the Matching Funds Dental Program (which provides for filling and/or extracting teeth) or the Prophylactic Dental Program for having teeth cleaned and topical fluoride solution applied. Both programs are co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Bureau of Dental Public Health and by one or

more local organizations. Epsom and Northwood again had both programs, and it is to be hoped that these will soon become an established part of the health program in each town.

The health education film "The Story of Menstruation" was shown to the majority of the girls in grades 5 through 8 in each school. This was well received and will be repeated annually for the 5th and 6th grade girls.

Referrals made by the nurse included one to New Hampshire Department of Public Welfare for custodial care of a child, three to New Hampshire Crippled Children's Service, four to Mental Health Centers for psychological evaluation and one to Camp Lincoln. Vision examinations and glasses were provided for two children — one paid for by the Concord Chapter of the Lions Club and the other by the Nottingham Chapter of the American Red Cross.

A total of 103 home calls were made, and 198 first-aid cases were cared for by the nurse. Transportation was provided to Pittsfield, Rochester, Dover, Concord and Manchester in order for certain children to receive medical care.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Martineau, Mr. Morgan, members of the School Boards, the townspeople who sponsored and assisted in carrying out health programs, and the school children for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY Y. WELLS, R.N.
School Nurse

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex & Cond.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 16	Dover	Josephine E. Glennon	84	Massachusetts	F W	Housewife	George H. Mayne	Catherine Sullivan
Jan. 28	Concord	Eva L. Pickering	65	New York	F M	Housekeeper	Henry Lamphier	Ann LaChance
Jan. 28	Rochester	Edith M. Goodwin	83	Massachusetts	F M	Housewife	Frederick Greeley	Annie Grover
Jan. 31	Concord	Abbie M. Pratt	98	New Hampshire	F W	Housewife	Charles H. Avery	Pauline Hatfield
Mar. 16	Strafford	Alfred B. Carson	29	New Hampshire	M M	Collector	Floyd O. Carson	Helen Durkin
May 14	Strafford	Harold P. Bell	73	New Brunswick	M M	Carpenter	Alexander Bell	Mary Corment
Aug. 23	Rochester	Harold Brown	71	New Hampshire	M S	Farmer	LeRoy W. Brown	Bessie M. Tuttle
Oct. 1	Rochester	Baby Fabian	....	New Hampshire	M S	.....	Robert Fabian	Patricia Lessard
Oct. 13	Hanover	Carl Hill	66	New Hampshire	M S	Postmaster	Charles F. Hill	Elizabeth Leighton
Oct. 14	Strafford	Theodore P. Quandt	62	New York	M D	Retired, Navy Yard	Frank Quandt	Julia Swane
Oct. 14	Strafford	Frederick A. Young	81	Massachusetts	M M	Salesman	Benjamin Young	Anna Hooffman
Dec. 31	Rochester	Arthur O. Hoffman	64	Germany	M M	Tool & Die Maker	Wilhelm Hoffman	.....
Dec. 31	Strafford	Frank E. Yeaton	76	New Hampshire	M S	Farmer	Frank Yeaton	Effie Beny

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 PHYLLIS F. LYNNBOURG, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Res. of Each at time of Marriage	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
1967							
Dec. 29	Rochester	Thomas J. Hurst Isabelle B. Tebbetts	Strafford Rochester	Pennsylvania New Hampshire	John Hurst George R. Cutter	Eileen Risko Helen B. Barber	W. V. Sleamaker Methodist Clergyman Rochester
1968							
Feb. 16	Rochester	Herbert Messenger Kathryn Buckman	Strafford Rochester	Nova Scotia Massachusetts	Lorenzo Messenger Fred Davis	Catherine Fleming Josephine Place	W. V. Sleamaker Methodist Clergyman Rochester
Feb. 17	Strafford	Carl E. Holland Penny A. Nutter	Rochester Strafford	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Charles E. Holland Frederic Nutter	Claire Hamel Beryl Beny	Rev. M. Dean Roth Clergyman Center Strafford
May 7	Strafford	Clive J. Demmons Janet E. Smith	W. Nottingham Strafford	Massachusetts New York	George Demmons Spencer Smith	Louise MacDonald Dorothy Duffield	Rev. M. Dean Roth Clergyman Center Strafford
June 8	Barrington	Leroy G. Chretien Bonnie F. Beny	Portsmouth Strafford	Maine New Hampshire	Royal Chretien Alberton Beny	Helen Koslowski Marjorie Wilkinson	John F. Barrett R. C. Priest Dover
July 20	Strafford	Kenneth C. Bowlen Priscilla A. Brown	Portsmouth Strafford	Massachusetts New Hampshire	Kenneth Bowlen Roland Brown	Florence Lemerise Helen Cutter	Rev. M. Dean Roth Clergyman Center Strafford

Sept.	21	Strafford	John W. Hastings Beverly McPherson	Strafford Rochester	New Hampshire Massachusetts	William Hastings Norman McPherson	Esther Howard Geneva Brewer	Rev. M. Dean Roth Clergyman Center Strafford
Oct.	5	Pittsfield	Loren W. Pierce Kathleen J. Leduc	Strafford Pittsfield	New Hampshire Maine	Wesley Pierce Leo Leduc	Lucille Thompson Jane Doughity	Rev. H. LaMontagne Catholic Priest Pittsfield
Oct.	19	Fremont	Robert W. Smith Helen R. Bateman	Strafford Nottingham	England New Hampshire	Daldry Smith Clarence Corliss	Alice Harris Grace Brown	Rev. Alton P. Mark Methodist Clergyman Fremont
Nov.	3	Strafford	Wayne M. Hodgdon Theresa L. Thurston	Northwood Strafford	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Maurice Hodgdon Walter Thurston	Jean Anderson Racheal Roberts	Rev. M. Dean Roth Clergyman Center Strafford

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Dec. 4	Rochester	Douglas H. Hayes	Winthrop H. Hayes	Sandra C. Seavey	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
1967						
Jan. 31	Rochester	Christopher C. Thorne	Charles I. Thorne	Denise R. Alling	New Hampshire	Montana
Feb. 16	Rochester	Kristen A. Roth	Melvin D. Roth	Doris V. Mellett	Kansas	New Hampshire
Mar. 15	Concord	Scott A. Chandler	Vinal D. Chandler	Dorothy J. Reinhardt	Maine	New York
April 6	Concord	Kathleen A. Twombly	Ralph M. Twombly	Rena P. Hodgdon	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
April 24	Dover	Cristi L. Whitcher	David R. Whitcher	Barbara L. Emler	New Hampshire	Ohio
April 27	Dover	Carl J. Brown	Carl Brown	JoAnn Casey	New Hampshire	Massachusetts
May 4	Rochester	Roxanne Matthews	Ernest F. Matthews	Lucille A. Hayes	Tennessee	New Hampshire
July 19	Rochester	Marc A. Barcomb	Frederic H. Barcomb	Elizabeth M. LeBrun	Vermont	Canada
July 29	Rochester	Bridget E. MacLean	Clare A. MacLean	Evelyn Noke	Canada	Massachusetts
Dec. 15	Portsmouth	Jennifer E. Newell	Leonard J. Newell	Linda King	Ohio	Utah

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